Election of the Poomangalam Panchayat.

269. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the last election of Poomangalam Panchayat;

(2) was there any complaint regarding the election of any member;

(3) if so, what was the nature of the complaint;

(4) whether some of the voters wrote in the ballot paper 'ാാീ്' instead of 'കുറുാീ്';

(5) if so, were these votes also considered valid;

(6) whether the Superintendent of Panchayats wrote to the Tahsildar to send the ballot papers for verification;

(7) if so, what was the reply sent by the Tahsildar;

(8) how was the complaint settled?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) 28th Kumbham 1104.

(2) Yes.

(3) The complaint was that some of the invalid votes were treated as valid.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Yes.

(7) The Tahsildar requested the Superintendent to supply him with certain information about the Panchayat election rules.

(8) The complaint was recorded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Superintendent of Panchayats receive any reply to his letter? Was he supplied with the papers for verification?

President.— From the way in which the question is answered, I think the particular papers have not been sent. Without that information he could not send the papers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without those papers the complaint was disposed of?

President.—It was only recorded.

Construction of a well in Punittura Village.

270. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state why was not the well in Tammanatt, Punittura village, constructed in 1104, though Rs.250 had been budgetted and sanctioned for the same?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The proposals from the Panchayat were not received in time and, therefore, the work could not be taken up.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I repeat the supplementary questions when the Member for Agriculture is present?

President.—This question is answered here.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I put the supplementary questions when the Member for Agriculture is present next day?

President.—Please give us the questions. Some of us may be able to answer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Were not these works budgetted after receiving the proposals?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—After receiving proposals?

President.—They send only a list of works that have to be executed during the year, and out of that certain works are chosen and allotments made.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—And they will be asked to submit proposals?

President.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Therefore, the answer that 'proposals from the Panchayats were not received'is not correct.

President.—'Estimates and other detailed proposals were not received from them' would be the correct answer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Were they called for by the Superintendent of Agriculture, if they did not submit them in time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They were not called for. The Panchayats ought to have sent them. They know that the amount has been budgetted. It is the duty of the Panchayats to send in their proposals.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If they do not send the proposals, they will not have to be called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is for their own benefit and it is their duty.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If they neglect their duties, will they be taken to task?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Even if they have not been called for, it is their duty to send them.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it not his duty to call for them?

President.—It is primarily their duty to submit proposals. If they do not submit proposals, generally the Superintendent has authority to make them do the thing.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He might have called for them.

Is that the only information that the Hon'ble Member wants, whether the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats called for the proposals?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The next question will follow after the answer is given to that.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Supposing that the answer is in the affirmative, please ask for further information.

President.—The Superintendent of Agriculture is absent on account of illness.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This information could not be had in the Huzur.

President.—His clerk might have the information; I think he too is not here.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 249.)

Table showing the result of the auctions held in 1102, 1103 and 1104.

	1102 Rs.	1103 Rs.	1104. Rs,
Arrack ..	97,029	1,12,253	1,51,729
Toddy ..	4,62,370	5,29,145	5,99,505
Opium ..	51,485	52,260	53,125
Ganja -	24,657	24,341	27,191
Tobaco ..	2,75,321	2,75,321*	3,23,125

*Biennial lease. No auction in 1103.

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